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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on 10-16-2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the reply failed to address the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 5 and 16-18 regarding the indefiniteness of the term "them". Per 37 CFR 1.111, the reply by the applicant or patent owner must address every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Miller whose telephone number is (571) 272-7068.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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